CUYAHOGA COUNTY
MEDICAL EXAMINER’S OFFICE
Heroin/Fentanyl/Cocaine Related Deaths in Cuyahoga County

MARCH 10, 2017
Cuyahoga County Overdose Deaths 2006-2017*
Most Common Drugs (*projected based on ruled cases as of February 28)

Source: Cuyahoga County Medical Examiner’s Office revised 3-3-17
CURRENT PUBLIC HEALTH CRISIS – At least **10** fatalities in March to date

Fatal Cases due to heroin/fentanyl in February— at least **61** (7 cases pending additional testing)

THIS IS THE SINGLE HIGHEST MONTHLY FATALITY RATE (September 2016 – 57 fatalities)

37 - City of Cleveland Residents

VICTIMS
Victims’ ages range from 21 – 66
41 Male victims; 19 Female victims
12 African American victims; 1 Asian Indian victim; 48 Caucasian victims (4 hispanic victims)

TRENDS
At least **109** victims have died from heroin/fentanyl or in combination in 2017 (January total increased to 49). This compares to 57 in first two months of 2016 and at least **517** in 2016 which was more than double the 228 from 2015. Cocaine deaths are projected to have doubled from 115 to 225 or 230 in 2016.

**Carfentanil: 40 CONFIRMED CASES TO DATE in 2016**
Rate of African American deaths involving fentanyl is 24% of all victims, nearly double the rate in 2016. February also saw 35 cocaine related deaths (at least 70 for 2017), with 26 being mixed with Fentanyl, Heroin or both (at least 50 for the year).

Source: Cuyahoga County Medical Examiner’s Office revised 3-10-17
CCMEO 2016-17 Fentanyl & Heroin Related Deaths, by Month

Source: Cuyahoga County Medical Examiner’s Office revised 3-10-17
CCMEO Quarterly Heroin/Fentanyl/Combined Deaths
2014-2017* (*2016-17 ruled cases as of 2-28-17)

Source: Cuyahoga County Medical Examiner’s Office revised 3-10-17
DAWN includes all documented naloxone saves through DAWN including police reversals. Does not include EMS administration (nearly 1,000 in 2015, and over 2,000 thru October 2016).

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Cuyahoga County Heroin Related Overdose Deaths 2007-2016*
Projected deaths with DAWN Saves and Fentanyl as overdose Deaths

(* 2016 projected based on preliminary data thru December 31)
Cuyahoga County has seen 100 more fentanyl related deaths in the past 10 months than the previous 10 years.

Source: Cuyahoga County Medical Examiner’s Office revised 3-3-17
2017 CCMEO Overdose Deaths, Most Common Drugs Involved
Combined is heroin and fentanyl in some combination (Fentanyl analogues will be counted under Fentanyl Columns). Cocaine combined is with fentanyl and/or heroin.

Source: Cuyahoga County Medical Examiner’s Office revised 3-10-17
CCMEO Fentanyl-related fatalities among African Americans 2014-2017*
(Blue - Projected as of February 28, 2017)

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